

Woesten near which is the Corps Dump (at Andank). We passed through Rousbrugge again and then Crombeke, West and Oostvleteren to Woesten. All these places are occupied by the Belgian Army and they hold the front line from a few miles north of Ypres to the sea. They have six divisions, four in the front lines and two in reserve. Each division of about 18,000 men. I understand they are doing very good work. Part of their equipment I saw today was a number of "Kelly motor trucks," driven by Belgians and painted with the Belgian colors. All the soldiers seen traveling this section were Belgians. At Crombeke we began to get into the war area again and into the section where the civilian population had for the most part retired. At Woesten we were again in the shelled area and within four miles of the German's front line. This town has been shelled a good deal, particularly when it was occupied by the British. It is now occupied by the Belgians. I was very glad to see the section occupied wholly by Belgians and to see how well they conducted themselves. They are doing a little work on their rear lines, but not much.

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1. Army Dump is near Bambecque, France. This dump carries practically everything that is needed by Engineer troops, including the Sapper Regiments, tunnelling, mining and water supply companies. Of some of the smaller tools, and hardware supplies, they keep a considerable quantity on hand. Of the more bulky supplies and equipment, not as large a quantity is kept on hand as the plan is to move it out as rapidly as possible to the several corps dumps at this dump. There seems to be plenty of sheets of corrugated iron, light and heavy weight, screw posts (long and short), iron posts (long and short), pit props, mine timbers, lumber and I beams, wheelbarrows, barbed wire, etc. They also have a fairly good supply of paint on hand. They have on hand heating apparatus for heating water for use in bathing. These outfits consist of boiler tank and necessary fittings. If we are to remain with headquarters at present camp, we can undoubtedly get one of these outfits up here.

2. Adjoining the Army Dump was the workshop of No. 2 Foreways Company. This is really more a light railway company as its work is in the back area. They are converting some of the Ford automobiles and putting on to them flange wheels, so that they can be used on the light railways for transportation.